

August 1, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker. Also present with the Board was County Attorney Bob Wright.

At 8:00 a.m. the Board met with Terry Modesitt, Monte Hunt and Toby Long to discuss the combining of Prairieton and Prairie Creek Fire Districts. Mr. Wright stated if Prairieton wants to continue then he would recommend the Board of Commissioners go ahead and hold the public hearing. Monte Hunt commented it would be up to the Commissioners if they wanted to have a (5) five or (7) seven member fire district board.

Building Inspector Dave Reeves was in office to request the Board of Commissioners to raise the Building Inspection Permit Fees. This could possibly bring in approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 more than now. Discussion had regarding the permit fees. Mr. Reeves also commented the Council would like to dissolve the Non – Reverting Building Inspection Fund and move everything to County General. Bob will draft an amendment to the Building Inspection Permit Fee Ordinance and have Colleen advertise.

Discussion had regarding the Indiana Assessment Service contract. Mr. Wright reviewed the contract and it is in legal form. Payment will come from the reassessment fund. Target date for completion is March 31, 2011. Mr. Bisch stated that if the State decides to change the laws for reassessment then the Commissioners could cancel the contract at anytime. He also commented they want the Township Assessors involved and working with them. Motion made by Commissioner Decker to accept the contract with Indiana Assessment Services, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously with all ayes.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 6, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board held Re-Zoning Hearings. Present with the Board was Area Plan Director Jeremy Weir.

UZO – 21 – 07; 4501 N. Fruitridge, Terre Haute. Parcel No. 84-02-36-453-002.000-013 & 84-02-36-453-001.000-013. Rezone from a R-T to a R-3. Property owner is Jane Ellen Disney. Proposed use is apartments. Timothy Disney present for petitioner. Motion to approve rezoning made by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously with all ayes.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 7, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker. Also present with the Board were County Attorney Bob Wright, County Engineer Jerry Netherlain, Howard Greninger and Bernard Riddens.

Bob Wright informed the Board that the Prairieton / Prairie Creek Fire District Public Hearing has been set for August 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vigo County Council Chambers. Notices have been given.

Mr. Wright questioned the Board as to where they were at on the new Personnel Handbook. Commissioner Anderson commented that Wayne Uhl had reviewed the policy and Connie Flood, Human Resource Director, is now making those recommended changes. After that is complete the Handbook Committee will meet and review.

Bob Wright stated he had the advertisement ready for the sale of the old Juvenile Center. Will ask for 10% of the bid down as earnest money. Will advertise August 10th & 17th, and open bids on August 28, 2007.

Next meeting with County Attorney will be next Thursday, August 16, 2007.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 10, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker.

The Board of Commissioners met with Joe Kenworthy from Old National Bank Insurance to discuss the Workers' Compensation Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Judith Anderson to approve the Workers' Compensation Insurance Plan with Old National Bank Insurance effective August 16, 2007 for one year, seconded by Commissioner Decker and passed unanimously with all ayes.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

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James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 16, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker. Also present were County Attorney Bob Wright, County Auditor Jim Bramble, Attorney Terry Modesitt, Prairieton Fire Chief Monte Hunt, Prairie Creek Fire Chief William Shields, Prairie Creek Assessor Doyle Piety, Prairieton Township Assessor David Phelps and several others from the public.

Prairieton Fire District and Prairie Creek Fire District

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Mason who turned the meeting over to County Attorney Bob Wright. Mr. Wright stated: "to bring you up-to-date, on June 6, 2007, the freeholders of Prairie Creek Township filed a Petition with the County Auditor with what they thought were the necessary signatures to add Prairie Creek to the Prairieton Fire District. Then on July 9, 2007, the County Auditor certified that there were, in fact, the necessary signatures in order to add to the Prairieton Fire District. The next step, according to law, is to hold a public hearing to determine whether or not this is in the best interest of the taxpayers. That is the purpose of this hearing today. After today, the Commissioners will make a decision one way or another. If the Commissioners decide that taxpayers should make written protests, depending upon when it comes up again. Either the Petition will be dismissed or approved. Anyone who wishes to speak in favor or against the merger is open for discussion."

Mr. Wright opened the meeting for discussion regarding the merger of the two fire districts. He recognized Terry Modesitt, Attorney for the two Fire Districts, regarding this merger. Mr. Modesitt introduced Monte Hunt, Prairie Creek Fire Chief. Mr. Hunt spoke in favor of the merger since training, equipment, and etc. would be very beneficial to both districts. Mr. Birch Harlan, one of the members of the Board for Prairieton Fire District, wanted Mr. Wright and the Commissioners to assure him that this would all be set up and running by January 1, 2008. Mr. Wright responded, "we are all working toward that goal but there is no guarantee with budgets, and etc. that this can be done by a certain date." Mr. Doyle Piety, Prairie Creek Township Trustee, stated "I am not in favor of turning over equipment, etc. that we got through our Township, to Prairieton Fire District. Do we have to turn over our equipment to Prairieton?" Attorney Modesitt answered, "the new merger will have both names included." Ms. Jo Cochran regarding the possibility of getting more volunteers to serve when this matter is finally settled also discussed the pros and cons of this merger. Mr. Wright asked: "is there anyone opposed to this merger?" Mr. Birch Harlan reiterated he didn't think that this matter could be completed and monies for both townships up and running in a short period of time. Mr. Wright recognized Mr. William Shields, Prairie Creek Fire Chief, who stated: "we will be saving the county money for not having to duplicate expensed for both departments." Ms. Jo Cochran, Prairie Creek taxpayer, stated: "we want to thank the Prairieton Fire District."

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Also, I think there needs to be more volunteers in our area and the possibility of combining the two districts might get more volunteers." Also, David Phelps, Prairieton Township Trustee, requested the name be changed to "Prairieton – Prairie Creek Fire District." Per Mr. Wright, "the name of the new Fire District is not the responsibility of the Commissioners." According to the Auditor, "the State Board of Finance sets new tax rates each year and, in June of 2008, they should receive their monies from the spring taxes collected in May 2008."

Motion made by Commissioner Judith Anderson to approve the Ordinance No: 4 – 72A-1, Amendment To The Prairieton Township Fire Protection District By Adding Prairie Creek Township, Hereinafter Known as Prairieton / Prairie Creek Township Fire Protection District, seconded by Commissioner Decker and passed unanimously with all ayes. See Vigo County Code.

This part of the meeting adjourned in the Council Room.

The Commissioners' Meeting continued in the Commissioners' Board Room.

The Board of Commissioners discussed with Mr. Wright the appointment of Board members to the Prairieton – Prairie Creek Fire District. He stated, "according to the Ordinance prepared for Sugar Creek, the Commissioners appoint 5 – 7 people to the Board. Since the two Fire Districts are combining, there should be seven members." The Commissioners will appoint these persons at the Commissioners' Meeting next week.

Jerry Netherlain, Vigo County Engineer asked the Board for signatures on a Utility Reimbursement Agreement between Duke Energy Indiana, Inc. and the Board of Commissioners of Vigo County. This had already been discussed and voted upon previously.

Discussion had regarding the Non-reverting Capital Fund using tipping fees from the Sycamore Ridge Landfill.

Discussion had regarding animal control and a meeting the Board of Commissioners is going to have with Ron Shaw.

Commissioner David Decker asked about the partnership with Chinook Mine. Mr. Wright reported that he had that document on his desk.

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The Board of Commissioners had requested that Susan McCarty, Chief Deputy Assessor, be present at this meeting. She reported that all Sales Disclosures have been sent to the State and that the Assessor's Office and the Auditor's Office are within 3% of settlement. She stated that this is acceptable per state statutes.

Sale of Vigo County Juvenile Center. The advertisement must be sent to the newspaper on August 17, 2007, for the August 28, 2007 sale. The appraised values were \$20,000 and \$14,000. Per Mr. Wright, the average would be \$17,000 and could be accepted. Per Mr. Wright, the Commissioners have the authority to accept or deny the acceptance of a bid that is not within the state statutes.

Mr. Wright inquired about the Personnel Handbook status. Commissioner Judith Anderson reported that Kathy Kinney has made all the changes and they have sent it to the Insurance Attorney for review.

Received Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Report for the month ending July 2007. See Auditor's File- Clerk of the Circuit Court Monthly Reports.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 17, 2007

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Received Weights & Measures Monthly Report for the time period of July 16th – August 15th, 2007. See Auditor's File – Weights & Measures Monthly Reports.

Received Cancellation Notice from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company regarding Bond No. 104792508 for Reynolds, Inc. for contracting, to take effect on September 18, 2007. Placed in Safe.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 21, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. Those members present were President Paul Mason and David Decker. Commissioner Judith Anderson was unavailable. Also present were County Attorney Bob Wright, County Auditor Jim Bramble, and Emergency Management Director Dr. Dorene Hojiniki, Tribune Star Reporter Howard Greninger and Bernard Ridens from the Vigo County Taxpayers Association.

Dr. Hojiniki submitted an Agreement to the Commissioners regarding Isolation and Quarantine in case of an emergency in the County and the steps to be put in place immediately. Agreements with the Vigo County/ City Fire Departments, Vigo County School Corporation, and various other agencies are very cooperative concerning this matter. Mr. Wright will review the documents and report back to the Commissioners next week.

Mr. Wright commented there had never been a formal vote on the Non-reverting Ordinance on tipping fees from the landfill. The Commissioners stated their goal was to use the monies to repair the roads around the landfill. Per Bob Wright this matter needs to go before, and approved by the Vigo County Council.

The Commissioners commented they had not yet met with Ron Shaw and Judy Elsey regarding animal control.

The Board of Commissioners will discuss the permit fees next week for the Engineering Department.

The Board will make appointments to the Prairieton – Prairie Creek Fire District Board next week, since Commissioner Judith Anderson is not available this week.

Upgrades of Railroad crossings discussed. Mr. Wright stated that anyone can submit a Petition to the Commissioners and then he could write a letter to the railroads requesting repairs, etc.

Mr. Wright reported that the bids for the sale of the old Juvenile Center must be 90% of the average of the two appraisals. This matter will be discussed again next week.

Commissioner Mason reported that he has received several phone call regarding speeders on U. S. Highway 41 near the Parke – Vigo County Line. Taxpayers have contacted the State Police and the State is in charge of speed limit signs.

Discussion had regarding State Roads 159 & 41, need road monies for repairs.

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Motion made by Commissioner David Decker to Amend Vigo County Health Ordinance, Chapter 43, to read: \$6.00 for Birth Certificates and \$6.00 for Death Certificates, seconded by Commissioner Mason, motion carried with Commissioner Anderson absent. See Vigo County Code.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 22, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
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The Board met at 11:00 a.m. Those members present were President Paul Mason and Judith Anderson. Commissioner Judith Anderson was unavailable. Also present were Economic Development Director Steve Witt, Tribune Star Reporter Howard Greninger and Dirk Haddix from Feutz Contractors.

Bids opened for Boral Brick Road Improvement. The Bids were as follows:

Feutz Contractors	\$1,255,194 for Items 1 –23
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The Engineer's estimated cost was \$987,839.70. The bid was taken under advisement.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 28, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker. Also present with the Board were County Attorney Bob Wright, County Auditor Jim Bramble, Michael Wright, County Engineer Jerry Netherlain, Kim Humphrey, and Bernard Riddens.

The Board discussed the bid received from Chad Overton from Servpro for the Old Juvenile Center located at 6801 Brentlinger Lane in the amount of \$23,000. Mr. Wright informed the Board this is above the 90%. Mr. Overton provided a check in the amount of \$2300.00 as the Bid Bond Security. The Board agreed and signed the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between Servpro and Vigo County for the purchase of 4.72 acres more or less, commonly known as 6801 Brentlinger Lane, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803, or (old Juvenile Center) in the amount of \$23,000.00. See Auditor's File- Juvenile Center (old). Original placed in Safe.

After recommendations from Prairieton Fire Chief Monte Hunt, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Prairieton / Prairie Creek Fire District Board:

1. Bob Caton – 12467 So. St. Rd 63, Terre Haute, IN 47802
2. Don Trendleman – P.O. Box 102, 5000 W. St. Rd. 246, Prairie Creek, IN 47869
3. Steve Kerr – 6524 W. Sutliff Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47802

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Decker and passed unanimously with all ayes.

County Assessor Debbie Lewis was in to speak with the Board regarding the Department of Local Government and Finance letter requesting compliancy for 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007. Both Assessor and Auditor have received letters stating in compliant for 2007. Chief Deputy Auditor Kylissa Miller commented the question is as to whether or not we can get 2005 & 2006 information from the old tax system. Mrs. Lewis will contact the DLGF about request. The Board will revisit the issue again next week. Mike Harmless has commented to the Board that Michael Claytor has been at the DLGF everyday regarding these issues.

County Engineer Jerry Netherlain was in to address the Board about modifying the permit process. Would like to request an ordinance passed to address problems with people blocking traffic and road cuts without permit. Commissioner Decker made motion to develop an ordinance to address these concerns, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously with all ayes. The monies received from this ordinance will be placed into the Engineer Services Fund. Jerry Netherlain commented he would like to see the Ordinance take effect October 1, 2007.

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Commissioner Decker asked if anyone was using the Certified Mail Group. Commissioner Anderson stated only the Health Department at this time as a pilot program. Commissioner Mason stated they needed to get the representative in to discuss it.

Commissioner Decker stated he had a discussion with the Chamber of Commerce regarding a 50/50 split with the City for a Riverfront Study, \$100,000 for the total bill. Commissioner Mason commented they had a meeting with John Mutchner and told him the Board would need a letter or invoice; the money is appropriated in EDIT Fund.

The Board received (2) two bids from the Health Department for the move of the Well Child Clinic.

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| 1. Eldred Moving | \$1995.00 |
| 2. Sappington & Son | \$3450.00 |

Suggests using Eldred since they are lowest bidder. The Board thinks they could reduce cost more by employees doing the work.

Mike Harmless stopped in to say "hi". He commented the Department of Local Government and Finance stuff is serious, suggests getting Mike Claytor and Herschel Frierson involved. The DLGF is striving for consistency at least county wide. Mr. Wright asked if there was talk of removing Township Assessors. Mr. Harmless stated that Cheryl Musgrove from the DLGF wants all assessing done at county level, no township assessors. Bob Wright asked if that was Trustees as well as Assessors. Mike Harmless commented the Assessors are main focus at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously to accept Forrest Sherer for insurance carrier for Liability Insurance.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 29, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason, Judith Anderson and David Decker. Also present with the Board were County Engineer Jerry Netherlain, County Highway Superintendent Jerry Lindsay and Asst. County Highway Superintendent Dan Bennett.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board held bid openings.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SALT STORAGE
BUILDINGS FOR THE VIGO COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. – BIDS OPENED**

Comes now Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, and presents the Board sealed bids for the construction of Salt Storage Buildings for the Vigo County Highway Department.

Bids were opened, read aloud and examined the presence of the Board of Commissioners.

The Bids were as follows:

Cover All Indiana	\$383,700
Tri – State Builders	\$275,000

Bids were taken under advisement.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR

August 30, 2007

Commissioners' Court Room
Vigo County Annex
Terre Haute, Indiana

The Board met in regular session. Those members present were President Paul Mason and Judith Anderson. Commissioner Decker was unavailable. Also present with the Board were County Engineer Jerry Netherlain, County Highway Superintendent Jerry Lindsay, Asst. County Highway Superintendent Dan Bennett and Dan Sanders from Sanders & Associates.

Jerry Netherlain commented this is a design and build project. Both proposals are equal and both are greater than storage requested. He would recommend going with the low bidder Tri-State Builders. Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Mason to accept the recommendation of the County Engineer for Tri-State Builders, motion carried, with Commissioner Decker absent. The committee will verify warranty before proceeding with contract.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be recessed.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MEMBER

ATTEST;

James W. Bramble
VIGO COUNTY AUDITOR